

In Their Cape Cod-Style Home

First Christmas For The Williams

Standing on their back porch or looking from their den windows, Toby and Margaret Williams get a sweeping view of both Crowders' and Kings Mountain.

In fact, Toby picked the spot which centers his country estate on Waco Rd. for that reason and they chose a modified Cape Cod house and painted it Williamsburg blue.

Both Margaret (who was cafeteria manager in the KM District Schools for many years) and Toby, a farmer, have retired and enjoy their comfortable home which was completed in July.

Furnished tastefully with many keepsakes handed down for many years in the Rowe family and Williams family for generations, Margaret Rowe Williams, formerly of Glen Alpine, has enhanced the decor by using her own artistic talents in needlepoint.

This will be the first Christmas for the Williamses in their new home and both enjoyed completing their red and green traditional decorations last week and now are ready to relax with friends before an open fire in the living room and den. The delicious odor of persimmon bread baking in the kitchen and hot tea create an atmosphere of warmth and cheer for the visitor who is quickly asked to sample some of the goodies and take home a gift of pepper jelly from Margaret's kitchen.

Conversation pieces in the living room are the hand cut mantel carved with a knife by Toby's grandfather, George Ware, about 85 years ago and brought from the old family farm and installed by Max Putnam, contractor. Another prized family heirloom is a seven-drawer Dovetail chest made by Margaret's great-grandfather during the Civil War. An unusual feature of the handsome chest is that each drawer has an individual lock and key. The front door was also brought from the old homeplace and bevel-edged in cutglass, a real find and quite beautiful. The lovely cutglass vases and lamps in the living room were gifts to Margaret from her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rowe of Glen Alpine, and other treasures that were handed down from that family of 10 children. The wicker chairs in the guest room were given to Margaret by her mother and a handsome trunk-chest in the guest bedroom was a gift of her great-great uncle.

In the master bedroom are Margaret's mother's original tea set and doll she used in childhood and her mother's high-top wedding shoes displayed prominently on a round table and on a family chest.

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Other family pieces are featured in the den, including a Applewood breakfront, a sideboard over 100 years old, Civil War table with matching coal scuttle, clock and picnic basket as accents, and spindle-back heart-shaped chairs. Margaret's kitchen is unique. A stained-glass window, installed with hinges, which came from the old Central Methodist Church immediately attracts the attention of the visitor and "drugstore chairs" from Margaret's grandfather's store, J. D. Pitts, in Glen Alpine are both comfortable and decorative. Toby's schooldesk is also used here.

Other highlights of the Williams

house include wooden peg floors in the living room. The remaining rooms of the home are carpeted.

Stained glass is used also in the window of the bathroom adjoining the master bedroom and is 118-years-old.

Margaret Williams said her parents home in Glen Alpine was a 12-room rambling house full of furniture from various periods of history. When both parents died, the furniture was handed down to the 10 children in the family.

Toby Williams also inherited many of his family's keepsakes and the Williams house sits on 180 acres, part of a 860 acre tract on Waco Rd.

Margaret has used many of her mother's keepsake items, including her button and threads box prominently displayed in the den, her dough board and dough tray which is also in the den, and many other items which give charm and history to the home, which is designed for comfort.

A favorite spot of the man of the house is the spacious den where there is a clear view of the mountains from the windows, which can be closed with shutters, and the sprawling patio and porch which open up into the countryside and on a clear day, according to Toby, you "can almost see forever."



A FAMILY HEIRLOOM - Margaret Williams shows off the seven-drawer Dovetail chest which was built by her great-grandfather about the time of the Civil War. Each drawer in the chest has its own key.



THE WORK OF CRAFTSMAN - Toby Williams' grandfather, George Ware, fashioned this mantelpiece with a knife about 85-years ago. When "Squire"

Williams and his wife built their new home the old mantel was taken from the family farm and installed in the livingroom by contractor Max Putnam.



A CENTURY OF GREETING - Margaret Williams poses behind the beveled glass partition inside her antique front door. Mrs. Williams said she figures the door, which was taken from the family homeplace and

installed here, is about a hundred years old. She is particularly proud of the bevel-edge cutglass in an oval shape. No one builds doors like this anymore, she said.

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A (Big) Family Party

The family of Mrs. W. R. Wilson gathered on East Parker St. at her home for annual Christmas dinner.

After dinner, her family and friends exchanged Christmas presents.

Attending were Mrs. Ruth Gregory of Arlington, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Willard Millen of Riverdale, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Millen, Cheri and Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Millen, Susan and Robbie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewter and Michael, all of Cayce, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Millen, Brice and Jessica, of Gaston, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilborne and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Wilborne, Jr., all of Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grimes, Kim, John, Joey, and Jeffery of Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gantt and Alan of Trinity; Miss Sonya Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Montjoy of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hardin and Mike, Miss Linda Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan



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Freeman and Lisa, Mrs. Phyllis Fortenberry, Scott and Nicole, Mrs. Essie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mayhue and Leroy Howell, all of Kings Mountain.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Bill Thorneburg has returned to Salt Lake City, Utah after a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. Y. F.

Throneburg. Mr. Thorneburg came to Kings Mountain enroute from a business trip to Atlanta.

James Throneburg of New York City will spend the Christmas holiday with his mother.

Dr. Martha Plonk is here from Itacha, New York for a visit with Kings Mountain relatives.

Jacky and Sandi Rhea have just returned from a National Hair Surgeon's Seminar in Denver, Colorado, where Sandi ranked among the top three percent of hair stylists in the United States, based on her hair-styling knowledge and ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, David and Chris, are here from Allentown, Pa., for a Christmas visit with Mr. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunter Allen, on Gaston St. The Allens are former Kings Mountain residents.